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Safety Alert

Tool FOD recently found on RWY's at Brussels Airport



Leaving a tool behind can be worse than simply lost money and inconvenience, if that tool ends up in a sensitive area of the aircraft and creates FOD it could have catastrophic consequences. Partners who should consider a tool management system are partners who perform Aircraft Maintenance, Aerodrome Infrastructural Works, Vehicle Maintenance and Electromechanical Interventions.

“ Control the Process from beginning to end!

Take a good look at your tools and equipment every day, or at minimum on a scheduled basis. Operating rooms and surgical teams have perfected methods of working that are much like what we do in aviation. It's at least 60% preparation just to get to the point of making or repairing an aircraft component. It's not wasted time. Skip the prep work and you will have problems. As in surgery, there's no room for short cuts. Much has been written on tool control. A little Internet research will reveal many useful sources of information and assistance. Perhaps the knowledge you seek already exists within your organization. It may be in the tool room in the next hangar, at the aerodrome you just left, or at corporate headquarters. Many have traveled this road ahead of you.

You don't have to re-invent the proverbial wheel to achieve effective tool and parts control - just follow the path that has already been marked.”

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